

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri R.Anjaneyulu, Village Revenue Officer, Chittapur Village and in-charge Record Keeper, Office of the Tahsildar, Dubbaka Mandal, Medak District – Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 23-01-2009 – Sanction of Prosecution - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 92

Dated:01-02-2010.

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ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Revelli Anjaneyulu, S/o. Sri Ilaiah, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Chittapur Village, Dubbaka Mandal from 16-11-1988 and was in-charge Record Keeper of Tahsildar Office, Dubbaka Mandal from 01-01-2009 to 23-01-2009 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri R.Karunakar Reddy, S/o. Sri Satti Reddy, age: 20 years, occupation: Student, is a resident of Ragothampally Village, Dubbaka Mandal, Medak District. His father is having agriculture land in an extent of 2.29 Acres in Sy.No.403/A at Akaram Village. His grand father has given ancestral agriculture land in Sy.No.401/AA1, AA2, E, 402/E and 403/E to his father. Except the land in Sy.No.401/AA1, there are disputes between Sri Battu Nagaiah, S/o. Sri Yellaiah and his father for the remaining extent of land, for which his father Sri Satti Reddy required copies of Pahanies for the years 1995-96 to 2007-08. So, Sri R.Karunakar Reddy along with his father Sri Satti Reddy visited Tahsildar Office at Dubbaka on 12-01-2009 to submit application. The in-charge Record Keeper of the said Office Sri R.Anjaneyulu has informed to his father Sri Satti Reddy that he is the person to maintain records and he will prepare copies of pahanies, obtain signature from the Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar and he will give the same to him. By saying so, Sri R.Anjaneyulu filled up the Proforma application and took the signature of his father Sri Satti Reddy and asked them to come after three days. Accordingly, after three days, Sri R.Karunakar Reddy and Sri Satti Reddy approached Sri R. Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper and asked about copies of Pahanies, for which Sri R.Anjaneyulu informed that the copies of pahanies are not ready and instructed them to come on the next day. Thereafter, his father Sri Satti Reddy has entrusted the work of collecting copies of pahanies from Tahsildar Office as he was busy otherwise. On 19-01-2009 Sri R.Karunakar Reddy approached Sri R.Anjaneyulu in the Mandal Revenue Officer's Office at Dubbaka and enquired about their copies of Pahanies, for which Sri R.Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper demanded Rs.1,500/- as bribe, otherwise he will not process and issue the same. Sri

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R.Karunakar Reddy expressed his inability to pay such amount and on the persistent request, Sri R.Anjaneyulu, Record Keeper reduced his demand to Rs.800/- and asked him to come along with bribe amount on 23-01-2009 for collecting the copies of pahanies. As there was no other go, Sri R.Karunakar Reddy agreed for the demand of Sri R.Anjaneyulu and informed that he would inform the matter with his father, and pay the same;

3. And, whereas, on the same day, Sri R.Karunakar Reddy informed the demand of bribe by the Record Keeper for issue of copies of pahanies to his father Sri Satti Reddy and Sri Satti Reddy was not willing to pay such bribe to the in-charge Record Keeper and instructed Sri R.Karunakar Reddy to approach the Anti-Corruption Bureau Office and lodge complaint against Sri R.Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper;

4. And whereas, Sri R.Karunakar Reddy attended the Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad on 19-01-2009 and lodged a complaint against Sri R.Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper. After due verifications, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad registered the complaint of Sri R.Karunakar Reddy as a case in Cr.No.5/ACB-NZB/2009 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) on 23-01-2009 at 06:00 A.M., and took up investigation;

5. And whereas, on 23-01-2009 i.e., on the date of trap, at about 12:35 hours, when Sri R.Karunakar Reddy entered into the office room of Sri R.Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper at Tahsildar Office, Dubbaka, on seeing him, the in-charge Record Keeper Sri R.Anjaneyulu welcomed him and offered a chair and enquired whether he brought the demanded bribe amount or not. When Sri R.Karunakar Reddy replied positively, Sri R.Anjaneyulu asked to hand over the bribe amount. Accordingly, Sri R.Karunakar Reddy took out the tainted amount of Rs.800/- from his shirt pocket and paid to Sri R.Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper, who received the same with his right hand and kept the same in his right side table drawer. When Sri R.Karunakar Reddy enquired about the copies of pahanies, the in-charge Record Keeper Sri R.Anjaneyulu further demanded Rs.200/-, for which Sri R.Karunakar Reddy gave rupees one hundred note to the in-charge Record Keeper Sri R.Anjaneyulu, who received the same with his right hand and kept it in his left front shirt pocket and the in-charge Record Keeper Sri R.Anjaneyulu handed over the copies of pahanies in a bunch to Sri R.Karunakar Reddy, who received the same and left the Record Room. The phenolphthalein test conducted over the right hand fingers of Sri R.Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper yielded positive result. The tainted currency of Rs.800/- was recovered at his instance from the possession of Sri R.Anjaneyulu from his right side table drawer in the presence of mediators. The contact portion of right side table drawer of Sri R.Anjaneyulu which came into contact with the tainted currency, when subjected to Phenolphthalein test also yielded positive result. Additional amount of Rs.100/- which was given by Sri R.Karunakara Reddy to Sri R.Anjaneyulu was also recovered from the left side shirt pocket of Sri R.Anjaneyulu, in-charge Record Keeper;

6. And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Sri R.Anjaneyulu, Village Revenue Officer, Chittapur Village and in-charge Record Keeper of Tahsildar Office, Dubbaka Mandal, Medak District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) readwith section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the Competent Authority to remove Sri R.Anjaneyulu, Village Revenue Officer, Chittapur Village, in-charge Record Keeper of Tahsildar Office, Dubbaka Mandal, Medak District from the Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copy of First Information Report, Mediator's Reports-I & II, Final Report, gist of statements of witnesses and other material placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri R.Anjaneyulu should be prosecuted in a Court of law, for the aforesaid offences;

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri R.Anjaneyulu, Village Revenue Officer, Chittapur Village and in-charge Record Keeper of Tahsildar Office, Dubbaka Mandal, Medak District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

// FORWARDED ::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER